II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE* MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated 23rd and 24th July 1957 from the Governor of Madras :—

1. " In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) of the Constitution of India, I, A. J. John, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras General Sales Tax and Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1957.

2. " In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) read with Article 199 (1) (d) of the Constitution of India, I, A. J. John, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1957, and in pursuance of clause (3) of Article 207, I also recommend to that Assembly the consideration of the said Bill."

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES, VIZ., THE LOCKOUT IN THE LOYAL TEXTILE MILLS, KOVILPATTI.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri P. S. Chinnadurai, has given notice that under rule 40 of the Assembly Rules, he will call attention of the Hon. Minister to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the Lockout in the Loyal Textile Mills, Kovilpatti. He will now explain the matter.

SRI P. S. CHINNADURAI : மதிப்பிற்குரிய சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கோவில்பட்டியிலுள்ள "லாயல் டெக்ஸ்டைல்ஸ்" என்ற பஞ்சாலையை அதன் நிர்வாகிகள் சென்ற இரண்டு வாரங்களுக்கு முன்பு கதவடைப்பு செய்துவிட்டார்கள் என்ற செய்தி வந்திருக்கிறது. நமது ராஜ்யத்தின் இன்றைய நிலைமையில் இத்தகைய கதவடைப்புக்களைப் பற்றி அதி முக்கியமாகவும் அவசரமாகவும் கவனிக்க வேண்டும். அந்தக் கதவடைப்பை நீக்குவது சம்பந்தமாக இந்த அரசாங்கம் எடுத்துக்கொண்டுள்ள நடவடிக்கைகளை நான் அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The management of Loyal Textile Mills, Limited, Kovilpatti, entered into an agreement with the Kovilpatti Labour Union before the Commission of Labour on 25th February 1957 regarding workload and wages for the different categories of workers. This settlement was in force from 1st March to 16th May 1957. During this period, workers belonging to rival unions, viz., Kovilpatti Labour Union and Kovilpatti Textile Workers' Union did not give full co-operation for the implementation of the settlement.

The working of the settlement was consequently suspended from 15th May 1957 and the management reverted to old workload and wages from 16th May 1957.

Meanwhile the Unions which were not parties to the dispute represented to the Labour Officer, Tirunelveli and the Commissioner of Labour regarding the difficulties experienced during the implementation of the settlement.